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Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land! —Scott.

FLAG INSULTERS

Slush about "the flag" is something, too, that can hardly be expected outside of an editorial sanctum, certainly not at a meeting made up of intelligent men.—Pacific Commercial Advertiser, December 9, 1909.

This editorial utterance from the newspaper owned by Lorrin A. Thurston is commended to the people of the United States, and more especially those striving to build up the American merchant marine.

That is the kind of patriotic fodder one Thurston, who is pretty well known throughout the United States, is handing out to the residents of the Hawaiian Islands in the effort to overthrow the protection now granted to the remnant of the American merchant marine now remaining in these waters.

This is the sentiment of the recognized and accepted organ of local

advocates of the suspension of the coastwise shipping law.

This is one of the planks of the platform on which the Territory of Hawaii is to be "Americanized."

We believe that the President of the United States, having opinions of his own on the situation in Hawaii, will understand the significance of that editorial utterance as well or better than any American citizen on the mainland. And he is in a position to act very effectively. The meeting of "intelligent men" at which the "flag" is expected to be regarded only as "slush" is called at the instance of a clique whose knees were trembling not long ago for fear they would not get the protection of that flag—and the tariff. Feeling secure as to the tariff, they now, through their recognized and accepted organ, insult the American flag.

Was their boasted love of the "flag" in days gone by merely a matter of dollars and cents?

Here's hoping that the shake-up that is going on in rowing club circles will help the game, not hurt it.

It is when the ship is free from the rocks that we realize how much labor of love there is in the struggle to get her off.

President Zelaya of Nicaragua also believes that all this talk about the "flag" is "slush" in the councils of "intelligent men."

Not to be entirely outdone by Capt. Coy's new kick, Princeton has discovered a new comet. Harvard may have something to offer.

Governor Frear says he wants American citizens for Hawaii, and his bright particular mouthpiece in the city of Honolulu says the "flag" is "slush."

Most everyone had forgotten there was such a thing as insurance until they were again reminded that it continues a field for fraudulent manipulation.

When a member of the medical profession becomes garrulous he usually deserves the contempt which many reputable people have for his utterances.

President Taft should not be surprised that the local combination found in an alliance with a gambler who incurred Judge Willey's displeasure in Shanghai, also considers the American flag "slush."

Secretary Cooper of the Promotion Committee wants all Hawaiian people to become members of the Get Together Club, no matter in what other organizations they may hold membership and pay dues.

Most every one is so flabbergasted at the thought of Mr. Woodruff chucking a United States District Judgeship overboard on such short notice that they really don't know what to say.

When the Grand Jury says in effect that the charge laid against a police officer was a put-up job and the man should be reinstated, what must an honest man think of the outfit that fathered the case?

Congressional investigation of sugar frauds could only serve to complicate the prosecution now being vigorously pressed in the courts. If there are loopholes in the law for offenders, those people usually find a Congressional investigation a wide-open door.

It would hardly be appropriate to suggest to the Civic Federation at this time that there was a period in the history of Honolulu when patriotism was a virtue and members of the Federation celebrated Fourth of July and other flag occasions with marked enthusiasm.

The man who wants to succeed United States Senator Piles expects

to accomplish it because he never wore a necktie and "ain't no dude." It is to Senator Piles' credit that he has worked hard in his lifetime, and whether wearing fairly good clothes or working clothes, has always been a gentleman.

It is to Sheriff Jarrett's credit that he has not said in connection with the case worked up against Detective Leal that "he would rather be right than a member of the Territorial Grand Jury." That referential insult comes from the center of moral reform that "worked up the case" against Leal with the assistance of a Shanghai gambler.

The President has taken such a strong position on ship subsidy legislation that the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine may be put down as one of the great accomplishments Mr. Taft has mapped out for his administration. Such being the case, he must regard with favor every effort made in all parts of the country to put more and better American ships on the ocean.

One new American passenger steamer on the way to this port and another of increased capacity about to be put on the local run, and the Civic Federation crying out that there are not enough American ships to carry the people coming this way. This method of throwing the passenger transportation between these islands and the Pacific coast into the hands of the Japanese can hardly be termed ingenious.

AMBASSADOR UCHIDA.

The economic future of the United States and Japan, as far as the Orient is concerned, is largely dependent upon the continuance of their present cordial relations. It is with increased satisfaction that the people of the United States welcome at this outpost Baron Yasuya Uchida, who arrived in Honolulu today on the Tenyo Maru en route to Washington, where he will succeed Baron Takahira as Ambassador at the capital city.

This feeling of goodwill has been emphasized very strongly of late. One has only to recall the expressions incident to the mainland trip of the Japanese Commercial Commission to feel that this kindly spirit is now being reciprocated. It is safe to predict that a material increase in trade between the United States and the Island Empire will follow now that Baron Uchida has been appointed to such an important post as that of Ambassador at Washington.

Baron Uchida ranks high in the diplomatic world. His retirement from Vienna to accept this coveted post at Washington proves that he is sincere in wishing his country to remain on friendly terms with America. For the past twenty-two years, Baron Uchida has served his country faithfully. Having filled positions of the highest trust, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, his country and those with



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here, has developed within the past year from the combination of three powerful organizations of Boston business men, and now numbers about 2500 members. In any one of the cities just mentioned, there is not an influence, national or otherwise, which for a moment can compare with that of these commercial organizations.

And their work is not merely in handling the big problems of business. In fact, I believe the secret of their tremendous success lies more from the fact that nothing that affects their cities is too small to escape their attention. They stand for good government, invariably, against party politics. They find time to take care of the finer things, the aesthetic features, if you please, which go to make a community a more pleasant place in which to live. And whether it is a big or little thing which these bodies go after, they almost invariably get it. The Chicago Association of Commerce gives a regular dinner each month to the sons of the members, the boys who will in a few years step into their fathers' places. A suggestion of this kind might look idealistic, but the Chicago business men are assured that it pays.

A meeting has just been held in Rochester, N. Y., of the National Association of Commercial Executives, and it would encourage

It was attended by a bunch of live wires from many of the most progressive of American cities, and according to the reports from this convention the ideas suggested above, were most strongly dwelt upon by these men of experience, and urged as the most important means of keeping up interest, not only among the members of a commercial organization, but in the community at large. Most commercial bodies "specialize" along some one or two lines. Detroit, Atlantic City, and Rochester, pose as "convention cities," and work unremittingly to secure the meeting of state and national conventions in their cities. Others center their prosperity on the increase of manufactures, and bend their efforts along these lines. Some are "exposition cities," and held annual or biennial expositions or fairs to advertise a certain section of country. Still others, of which Honolulu is one, are out after the tourist because they have something to offer to the person who has means and inclination to travel. But regardless of what the specialty is, every progressive commercial organization must realize its obligations to make its city attractive and suited most thoroughly to the special business it would encourage.

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Things Honolulu Needs.

There are a good many things which our city needs but which our commercial bodies are inclined to consider as out of their province. No one denies that Honolulu's front door—the water front—is a long ways from being as attractive to the eye as it should be. Whose business is it? That sidewalk is conspicuous by their absence in many parts of the city, and that the streets are often better for pedestrians than the walks (if they care to take chances dodging automobiles) cannot be denied. Everyone knows that Honolulu has dusty or muddy streets, unsightly signs and fences, and other things which detract from the attractiveness of the town, but who's it up to?

These are just instances of numberless things which we all know about and agree should be attended to, but which are not because it's nobody's business, being everybody's. We did have a Central Improvement Association, but it died. They always do, not only in Honolulu but everywhere else that such organizations are not given strong moral support and encouragement by the business men of the community. Not that their aims are not meritorious, or the objects they would attain are not, in the abstract, generally recognized as assets to a city, but chiefly because they have not the strength in themselves necessary to carry out the reforms they have outlined, which might readily be supplied by the powerful forces of business and commerce.

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BE SUBJECT TALKED

Conference Will be Held in First
Month of New Year With a View
to Regulating Divorce Law for
Different States.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Uniformity in the divorce laws of the various states is being sought by President Taft and most of the state governors, according to Seth Low, who as president of the National Civic Federation has just announced the

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date of the conference on uniform legislation. This conference will be held in Washington on January 17 to 19. Representative men of every state in the union, appointed by the governors, will attend.

Low's announcement says: "Through the initiative of the American Bar Association a special national organization of commissioners chosen by the different governors is now working for a uniform divorce law, the supreme necessity for which grows out of the condition that a child under the various divorce laws may be legitimate in one state but illegitimate in another."

"The work of this special commission will be reported on at the conference and will then come before the committee of governors."

TAFT HOLDS RECORD FOR
ROUND-COUNTY SPEECHES

A Few Points of Interest Regarding
the President's Flying Trip Over
the United States Compiled by
His Secretary.

WASHINGTON—An official record of the President's recent trip, compiled by Wendell W. Mischler, one of his assistant secretaries, shows that Mr. Taft visited 33 states and made 265 speeches. He rode nearly 1000 miles in automobiles and more than 150 miles in carriages and walked at least 75 miles. All Mr. Taft's speeches were taken down in shorthand by Mr. Mischler and indexed.

Mr. Taft probably holds the presidential record for speechmaking on

a single trip. On his long trip in 1891 President Harrison made 212 speeches. On one of his western trips President McKinley made 15 speeches in a day. President Cleveland made few speeches on his "swing around the circle." The President's recent trip occupied 56 days. In the campaign last year Mr. Taft traveled almost continuously for 40 days and made 417 speeches.

R. C. Brown, inspector of immigration, who has been making inspection of the labor condition on the islands of Hawaii and Maui, returned this morning on the Claudine. He reported the laborers to be working in harmony, apparently satisfied with the treatment of the plantation managers.

Brown stated that the labor statistics, which he has been preparing to be submitted to the Commissioner of Immigration in Washington, will be interesting, not only to the department, but also to the local people.

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